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COUNTY TEACHERS PASS RESOLUTIONS

Favor Cottages For Teachers and
Increased Salary For County
School Superintendent.

Believing that a statement in definite form of some of our beliefs and policies will be beneficial to the organization, the Morrow county teachers in annual institute assembled are asked by the committee on resolutions to consider the following:

I. Whereas, we are not assured at this time of the complete recovery of our President, and

Whereas, we feel that the cause of humanity and the welfare of our own country needs his services,

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the teachers of Morrow County hope and pray for his speedy recovery.

II. Whereas, our honored County Superintendent has given her best effort to prepare a profitable program for this institute, and

Whereas, the instructors in this connection have brought to us the fruits of their training and experience, and

Whereas, the people of Heppner have graciously thrown open their homes for our entertainment, and

Whereas, the teachers of the Heppner Schools have entertained us delightfully,

Therefore, be it resolved that we extend our most hearty thanks and appreciation to one and all who have so contributed to make our institute pleasant and successful.

III. Whereas, nearly all communities are not offering the proper living conditions to the teachers of the public schools, and

Whereas, no teacher can do efficient work unless comfortably housed under pleasant conditions, and

Whereas, the future welfare of the pupils is based largely if not entirely upon the efficiency of the teacher,

Therefore, be it resolved that efforts be made in all communities to remedy these conditions either by the providing of a teachers' cottage or by a campaign which will have for its object the opening of some of the best homes in the communities to the teachers during the school year.

IV. Whereas, last year much of the school time was taken up in war work of various kinds, and

Whereas, that need is now past,

Therefore, be it resolved, that all outside requests for aid in various movements, except such as are fostered by the county and state educational authorities, be refused, and that the pupils devote their time to school work and teachers their time to teaching.

V. Whereas, every school seems to lack the support and encouragement accorded by the visits of patrons, and

Whereas, both pupils and teachers do better work if they are able to feel that parents are vitally interested in what the schools are doing,

Therefore, be it resolved that each P. T. A. or similar organization be requested to appoint each month, a committee for school visitation, such visitation to cover the regular work of the school.

VI. Whereas, the office of County Superintendent of School is one of the most important in educational administration, and

Whereas, the work of the office is continuous throughout the year, and

Whereas, many principals whose work is no heavier and no more important, receive larger salaries,

Therefore, be it resolved that it is the sentiment of this meeting that the salary of the county superintendent should be increased to an equality with that of any other teacher in the county.

VII. Whereas, the Industrial Club work in Morrow County has assumed such vigorous proportions, and

Whereas, it is being fostered and supported by all classes of people and organizations throughout the county, and

Whereas, the benefits to the youth of our schools cannot be overestimated, and

Whereas, there are funds available for duplication in Morrow County for the promotion of the work,

Therefore, be it resolved, that it is the sentiment of this organization, that the county court take such action as it deems advisable under the circumstances to promote the Industrial Club work to the highest efficiency possible. And a sum sufficient for this purpose should be appropriated for this purpose together with \$200 for local fairs in various communities.

VII. Finally, be it resolved, that Morrow county teachers individually and collectively pledge themselves unreservedly to heartily co-operate in putting over the National Program for

1. The removal of illiteracy.

2. The Americanization of immigrants.

3. The improvement of physical development and health.

4. The equalization of educational opportunities for all.

Respectfully submitted by your committee, and recommendation is

made that copies be given to the local papers and a copy filed with the secretary of the institute to be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

Signed
M. B. SIGNS,
Boardman, Oregon.
MINNIE R. SPICER,
Hardman, Oregon.
E. H. ANDERSON,
Irrigon, Oregon.
Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. Howell Had Last Laugh on Jokesters.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Howell, newly-weds, arrived home a week ago last Sunday. Their friends were at the train to greet them, and like the jolly greeters they were, intended to play all the practical jokes on Mr. and Mrs. Howell that are usually perpetrated on newly married people. This included marking "just married" and like signs on traveling bags and suit cases, only the jokesters marked suitcases belonging to other parties and it all turned out to be a real good joke on the prank players. Mr. and Mrs. Howell had the last laugh on their friends.

Vic Groshen and Dr. Hayden Injured When Car Turns Turtle.

Returning to Hardman from "Condon last Friday, Vic Groshen and Dr. Hayden received severe cuts and bruises when their car turned over on the road near the Hall Ridge school house. The men were plunged through the wind shield and Mr. Groshen received deep lacerations on both knees. He is recovering from his injuries at his home here.

Sunday School Association Elects Officers for Year.

Following their annual three days convention which was held this year in Lone, Heppner and Lexington, the Morrow County Sunday School Association elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Paul Balsiger, president; T. E. Chidsey, Heppner, vice president and Mrs. Myrtle Roaney of Lexington, secretary.

Rolfe Van Bibber and Eugene French left Heppner today loaded for bear. They hope to bring home a deer, however. Their destination is somewhere in the Blue mountains.

J. B. Huddleston, the man who used to conduct local business for the Oregon-Washington railroad, was in Heppner Wednesday from his stock ranch in the Lone Rock country. Mr. Huddleston was accompanied by his sister, Miss Bess Huddleston.

TAXPAYER OBJECTS TO SECTION THREE

Heppner, Oct. 22, 1919.

To The Editor:
Will you allow a few words on the subject of the proposed water bonds? I wonder, Mr. Editor, how many of the taxpayers of the city who are expected to vote on this question next Saturday have read the "Act" carefully and have seen the joker therein.

I refer to Section 3, which reads as follows:

"The Council shall each year at the time of making the annual tax levy for city purposes include in such levy a sum sufficient to pay interest due on the outstanding bonds of this issue and to retire the principal thereof at maturity."

Now, Mr. Editor, as one of the people interested, it seems to me that it is not a businesslike way of financing this affair. Or, perhaps this is "high finance."

There is a large proportion of the water users who are not taxpayers, therefore why not make the water rates high enough to pay the interest on the bonds, etc., and thus make the water pay for itself?

It looks to an innocent bystander as though that were the logical thing to do. In that way the burden would fall equally on all those benefited by the water and the already overloaded taxpayers would not be paying their own bills and the other fellow's too. In other words this "Act" makes us property owners take the big end of the log and do all the lifting.

Let us make it an equal thing all around by voting NO on Saturday and get a square deal in the future.

ONE OF THE TAXPAYERS.

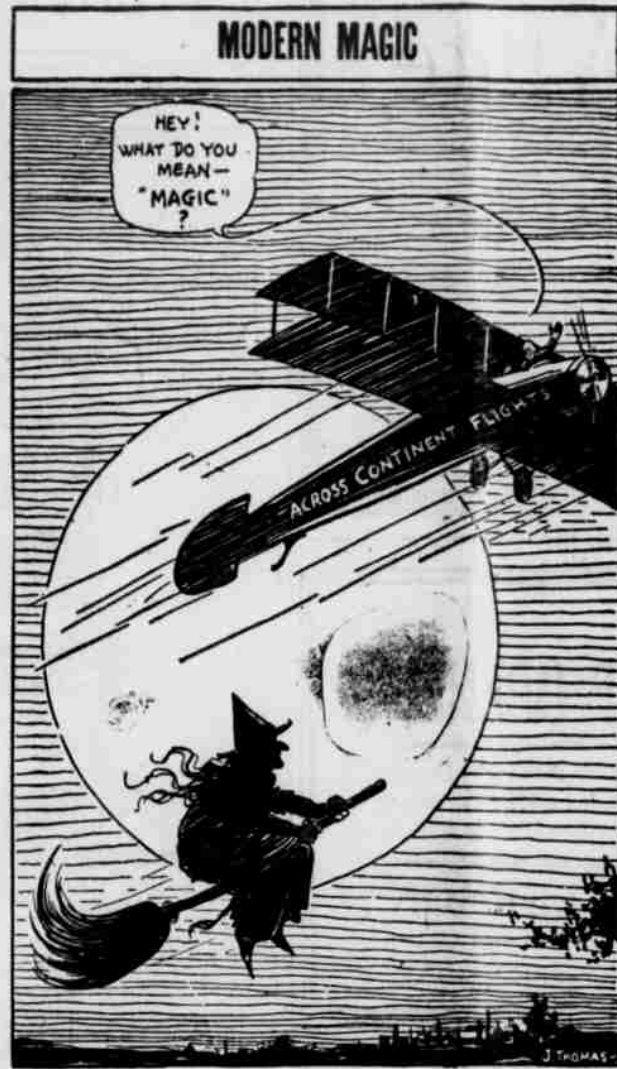
John Blake, prominent lone farmer and stockman, was a Wednesday business caller in Heppner.

G. A. Pettys of Lone was in Heppner Wednesday. Mr. Pettys has a big farm near Jordan Siding.

R. E. Dilley, representing the Snyder-Creel Paper Co., of Walla Walla, was calling on Heppner business houses Wednesday.

Dr. McMurdo is trailing the elusive deer out in the tall pines this week. Venison will undoubtedly be plentiful in Heppner in a few days. Wallace Smead is up there also.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Thornburg and son Vernon of Gifford, Idaho are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Neil White at their home near Lexington this week.



WIGSWORTH SALES INVOLVE LARGE ACREAGE

During the past week R. F. Wigsworth, prominent Morrow county sheepman, closed several deals which dispose of the greater part of his land holdings in this county. Local sheepmen were the purchasers.

In all, more than 13,000 acres have been sold by Mr. Wigsworth at a value totaling \$150,000. E. O. Neill of Butter creek has bought the old home place of the Wigsworths, which consists of 4,032 acres. This ranch joins on to Mr. Neill's holdings and makes him a very valuable property. Mr. Wigsworth had one of the most complete plants for the operation of sheep in Eastern Oregon, and on the old home place were lambing sheds and shearing plants.

Antone Cunha is buying 1140 acres of the Wigsworth Butter creek land and Hynd Brothers have bought the mountain range known as the Hinder land, consisting of 3,289 acres. The Hynds have already taken possession of this land and several bands of sheep are there at the present time.

W. Earl Wigsworth becomes the owner of the two thirds interest formerly held by his father, R. F. Wigsworth and his brother Victor. This interest includes some 4880 acres of land. The various transactions are said to have ranged from \$10 to \$12 per acre.

We understand that Mr. Wigsworth is by no means retiring from the sheep business but will become more closely associated with his son Victor in running sheep near Beverly, Washington, where they own 20,000 acres of range well stocked with sheep.

Band Man Was Here.

James Austin of Redmond, Ore., was in Heppner a few days ago looking over the field with a view to organizing a band here. Mr. Austin is a band organizer and leader of many years experience and plays several different instruments himself. At the present time he has charge of both the bands at Prineville and Redmond. He was very much impressed with Heppner and expects to return here within a week or two.

Minors Make Big Showing.

Ladies coats, dresses, furs and other wearing apparel of high class are being viewed by the women of Heppner and vicinity this week at Minor Co's. Through arrangements with the Criterion of Walla Walla the local store is making this display. Some excellent values at very reasonable prices are being offered. The sale will last only until Saturday evening.

POTATOES—POTATOES.

I have just contracted for 2750 sacks of No. 1 Nettle Netted Gem potatoes, to arrive during the next ten days, which I will sell at \$2.30 per hundred, on car. Write or phone orders at once, as I cannot get more at this price.

BERT MASON, Lone, Ore.

C. C. Paine, Boardman merchant and booster, spent Wednesday in Heppner on business. Mr. Paine brought along with him some excellent photographs showing the rapid development which is taking place on the irrigated lands of north Morrow.

RULES FOR ESSAY CONTEST TEST ARE ANNOUNCED

School pupils of Morrow county will have their interest in the Roosevelt Memorial stimulated through an essay contest which County Chairman McMenamin has evolved through the cooperation of Miss Martina Thiele and County School Superintendent Shurtz. We are publishing herewith the rules and regulations covering the contest. Business men of Heppner have made up a substantial list of prizes which will be awarded to the winners in the various divisions.

I. Classes of Entries.

Class A—All High School Students.

Class B—Pupils in the 7th and 8th grades.

Class C—Pupils in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades.

II. Length of Essay.

Class A—At least 800 words.

Class B—At least 600 words.

Class C—At least 400 words.

III. Prizes.

Class A—First prize \$10.00; second prize \$5.00.

Class B—First prize \$5.00; second prize \$3.00.

Class C—First prize \$4.00; second prize \$3.00.

IV. Type of Essay.

The writer may discuss the life and character of Theodore Roosevelt, the American, but not from a Biographical point of view. The essay should not be a biography. It should emphasize those qualities of mind and soul which put Theodore Roosevelt above the rank and file of all people as the greatest American of our time. It should recall to our minds his honesty, his sympathy for all men, his desire for service, his statesmanship, his ideals, his patriotism, and above all, his qualities of character which have placed him with the noblest in all history.

V. Rules for Manuscript.

1.—All writing is to be done in ink and on one side of the paper only.

2.—The title of the essay is to appear on the first line of the first page.

3.—The writer's name, the number of the school district, and the Class in which he entered, should appear on the second line of the first page.

4.—The pages should be numbered inconspicuously with arabic numerals in the middle of the pages at the top.

5.—The rules governing correct spelling, proper capitalization and punctuation should be observed. It is expected that all essays be written in the writer's very best English. It is also understood that the essays are the writer's own composition.

6.—Essays must be mailed not later than October 30th.

7.—There must be at least 25 essays in each class.

Gilliam & Blasee are announcing a demonstration will take place at the store the last of next week, when a special representative of the Majestic range people will be here. This man is an expert cook and he will give the ladies a number of pointers on how to get the most out of their ranges. The demonstration will be filled with interest and education and will be well worth while attending.

COUNTY FARM BUREAU IS ORGANIZED

Meeting Held in Heppner Wednesday
With Good Attendance—Active
Campaign for Members Will
Be Waged.

A meeting of representative farmers took place in this city on Wednesday afternoon at the office of County Agent Hunt, at which time complete organization of the Morrow County Farm Bureau was effected. The Bureau has decided to undertake a number of projects, and these projects were taken up and discussed at some length. As a result, committees were appointed.

The projects to be undertaken are, Better Wheat Varieties, S. F. Stevens of Lone, chairman; Farm Labor, Eddie Reitmanner of Lone, chairman; Cooperative Marketing, R. W. Turner of Heppner, chairman; Rodent Control Oscar Keithley of Eight Mile, chairman; other members of this committee are Jack Hynd and Jas. Carty; Good Roads, Adam Knoblock of Heppner, chairman; Orchard Work, John Wightman, of Heppner, chairman; Improved Livestock, E. E. Rugg, Rhea Creek, chairman; Irrigation and Alfalfa, Matt Hughes of Heppner, chairman; Club Work, C. C. Paine of Boardman, chairman.

The Bureau voted to ask the county court to cooperate with the state and federal bureaus to secure funds for club work leader and for funds to carry on the work in the county agent's office.

A resolution was also passed instructing the secretary to put before the other farm bureaus of the state, the plan for organizing a state bureau and affiliating with the national organization.

Officers elected for the coming year were: Oscar Keithley, president; Eddie Reitmanner, vice president; C. C. Paine, secretary and E. M. Huiden, treasurer.

An active membership campaign will be launched at once, and an attempt will be made to list every farmer in the county as a member of the farm bureau. The membership fee is \$2.00.

J. W. Waid and daughter Lenna, of Stanfield spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Neil White at Lexington.

SUNDAY OCT. 26 DESIGNATED BY GOVERNOR

STATE OF OREGON
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
S A L E M

Since its inception the Sunday School has been the instrumentality in that degree of character development which has been one of the outstanding factors in the greatness of our nation. Thousands of the men and women of our state owe to the lessons which they have gained in attendance at Sunday School the fine sense of citizenship which has sustained them in their later years and look back to those lessons with a keen sense of grateful appreciation.

To our boys and girls and to our young manhood and young womanhood we owe the best that we can give. The environment of the Sunday School is such an environment as tends toward the growth of the finer and better sensibilities.

No matter what sect or creed may claim our reverence, none but feels that the principles upon which our government are founded are in accord with the best precepts of a Christian civilization, and those precepts are inculcated in the young mind in the lessons and through the environment of the Sunday School.

Bearing these facts in mind, I desire to place my hearty stamp of approval on the plan for the observance of "Go to Sunday School Day," which has been set for Sunday, Oct. 26, 1919, and to urge that adults as well as children join in this movement, which I am certain is such a movement as tends to the upbuilding of our standard of citizenship.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Salem, Oregon, this 11th day of Oct. A. D. 1919.

BEN W. OLCOTT,
Governor.

Mass Meeting Is Failure.

The mass meeting which was called for Wednesday evening by Mayor Vaughan, in order that any doubtful points regarding the water bond issue might be explained, if there were any doubtful points in the mind of anyone, was a complete failure. Not one person showed up to register a kick or ask for enlightenment. This may be taken as a favorable criterion so far as public opinion is concerned and an overwhelming vote may be expected in favor of the bond issue on Saturday. The polls will be open between the legal voting hours on that day.

Thirty Days of Rain Out of Thirty One is Record Thinks Oscar Edwards.

A continuous rain lasting thirty days out of thirtyone is a pretty good record for one month, but that is what Oscar Edwards says he encountered while on a vacation spent at Siletz Bay. This was just a little bit too much for Mr. Edwards, so he has come back to Eastern Oregon to dry out for awhile. Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, parents of Mr. Edwards, and pioneer farmers of Sand Hollow, are enjoying life at their home near Hillsboro.

Mrs. A. K. Higgs Died in Portland Last Week.

The many Heppner friends of Mrs. A. K. Higgs were shocked when news reached here last week that she had died in Portland after a brief illness. Dr. Higgs is now in Siberia with American troops, being connected with a hospital there. The funeral was held in Portland. The Higgs family made their home in Heppner for a number of years prior to moving to the metropolis. Besides Mr. Higgs, a married daughter also survives.

W. E. Straight Buys Court Street Property.

W. E. Straight, Lena stockman, has purchased the residence property of George W. Swaggart on Court street and will take possession the first of November.

Pendleton Men Buy Gilliam County Wheat Acreage.

A. K. and Dan P. Smythe and Charles Tullock of Pendleton are the new owners of a 1000 acre wheat ranch in Gilliam county which they purchased the past week from A. J. Moore of Portland. Mr. Tullock will reside on the place and act as manager for the company. The ranch is about 25 miles south of Arlington and about two miles southwest of Olex and comprises what is known as the old Redmond and Clay ranches.

Sand Hollow Farmer Will Hold Public Auction Sale.

J. P. Conder, Sand Hollow farmer, who has rented his land to T. F. Boylen, will hold a public auction at his ranch 20 miles north of Heppner on Wednesday, November 5. At that time he will dispose of a large number of work horses and all farming equipment. The sale will be held under the management of Brown & McMenamin of this city, with F. A. McMenamin as auctioneer and F. R. Brown, clerk.

Chas. Royse Here.

Chas. Royse, prominent Spray citizen, was in Heppner on business the last of the week. He was an interested attendant at the Tom Arnold sale on Eight Mile Saturday.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

Three new pupils entered the High School Monday. Alvin Boyd was enrolled in the Freshman class. This class now numbers 44. Agnes Boyd, a Sophomore, and Edith Boyd, a Senior, are with us again.

Mr. Boltrott gave a good talk before the students of the High School Monday morning. He spoke of the value of learning and the good it does one after they have left school. He emphasized preparation in the fundamental subjects.

The Philomathian Literary Society is arranging its program, which is to be given some time early in November.

The Patron-Teachers' Association will meet in the High School auditorium Friday, Oct. 24, at 3:30 p. m. Every patron of the school and everyone else interested in education, is expected to attend.

AUTO REPAIR SHOP.

I am prepared to do your auto repair work at my shop in Lexington, one block north of schoolhouse. Am thoroughly experienced in this line of work. Prices reasonable. Give me a call.

C. R. McALISTER.

Mrs. Elsie Stevenson returned on Monday from Pendleton, where she went as a delegate from Kate Young lodge to the district convention of the Degree of Honor. Other delegates attending from Heppner were Mrs. Lillie Aiken and Mrs. Becker.

William Howard Gould of Lexington was a business visitor in Heppner Wednesday. Mr. Gould recently returned to Lexington after spending a few years in California and Washington. He has again taken up the farming game north of Lexington, for as he says, "there is no place that I have ever run across where it is as easy to make money as in Morrow county."

A. F. Bennett, traveling representative for the Eugene Bible University, is visiting Morrow county towns this week.

REGISTERED CATTLE ARE IMPORTED HERE

Big Sale of Purebred Stock Will Be
Held at Boardman Monday.

The committee formed of the county agent, L. A. Hunt, Fred Reiks of Irrigon and E. K. Mulkey of Boardman, returned from the Willamette Valley on Tuesday and report that during their absence they purchased thirty head of registered and high production grade Jerseys, which will be dispersed among the farmers around Boardman and Irrigon with a few for the Lone country.

The committee visited four public sales at which 164 head of cattle were offered. They report the prices paid for cattle by various buyers ranged as high as \$1500, with a goodly number of high producers around \$600 and \$700, but Morrow county could not reach quite so high. They have some grade cows with a production record of as high as 600 lbs. of butter fat.

The last sale held was at the celebrated B. C. Altman ranch at Inglesides, near Gresham. While this was the last of the series in the same vicinity, they brought the highest average price: one calf five months old going for \$425, and 14 calves of the same age averaging above \$300 each and the sire still on the short side of four years.

When the committee found that they were unable to buy the high priced cows they decided to concentrate upon the bull which carries the blood of some of the best producing animals in the state, including such well known names as St. Heller's Coney, with a fat production record of 616 lbs., Imp. Oxford, You'll Do, Golden Lad of St. Heller, and Sultan's Golden Lad. A brother of this bull is said to head the Vanderbilt herd in the east. He is an American type Jersey and weighs nearly 1500 pounds.

A dispersal sale will be held on Monday at which F. R. Brown, F. A. McMenamin and the First National Bank of Heppner will officiate.

LOCAL SCHOOLS CAN ENTER DEBATE LEAGUE

University of Oregon, Eugene, October 24.—Two hundred high schools of the State are eligible for entrance into the Oregon High School Debating League, now entering its thirteenth year, according to announcement by R. W. Prescott, professor of public speaking in the University, who is secretary of the league.

The state is divided into twelve districts for the purposes of the league. Each one of these, Professor Prescott announces, will have a separate question for the preliminary rounds, which will be contested in January, February and March, with the finals in May. The twelve district winners will meet for the semi-finals and finals at the University, in Eugene, as a feature of Junior Week-end, May 12, 13 and 14. Up to last year only the finals were debated in Eugene. In 1918 the four teams remaining in the semi-finals were brought here, and the plan proved so successful that it was decided to bring all twelve district winners here in future years.

Of the 200 eligible, it is Mr. Prescott's opinion that more than 100 will enter teams, constituting an increase of 25 per cent over the most successful previous year. War conditions and influenza last year thinned the ranks of the schools and the league, but the interest already manifested indicates a return to pre-war interest with greater numbers than ever. Schools may enter the league up to December 1 by communicating with the office of the secretary here or with their respective directors.

The schedules will be made up by districts on or before December 10, and the final contests in each of the districts are set for March 13.

The trophy for the winner is the cup put up by the Laurean Literary Society of the University and Prof. E. E. DeCoo, professor of mathematics here, who was the first president of the league. The cup goes into the permanent possession of any team winning the championship three times. Salem High School has now won two legs and needs but one more victory to take the trophy. Eugene High School was the winner last year, for the first time, taking a close contest from Bend, the runner-up.

George W. Hug, superintendent of schools at McMinnville, is president of the league.

The questions in the preliminary rounds include several live topics of political, social and economic interest. For the finals at the University, Professor Prescott announces, some question connected with the league of nations issue will be chosen.

J. O. Russell, of Pilot Rock, is director of the league for the Umatilla district, made up of Gilliam, Morrow,

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